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1. We have obtained a draft copy of the Planning Assumptions which will be distributed with the Program Call in early November. Since it is not likely to change significantly, it is being distributed to DD/S&T Offices for whatever help it may provide to prepare your Program Inputs.

2. The major thrust of the Planning Assumptions is that the restrictions on positions and funding, and the reductions in overseas positions are very real and will be with us for some time to come. There is also an implicit thought that some increases in resources will depend on technical collection systems (mainly NRO projects) which will become operational between FY 1970 and FY 1974. The advent of these new collection systems will also affect analysis and production programs.

3. Paragraphs 15 through 18 refer to NRO funded projects; the wording was sanitized so that the booklet could be distributed under TOP SECRET, non-codeword, Control. The heavy emphasis on NRO projects in paragraphs 15 through 18 impacts not only on OSP and OEL, but also OSI, FMSAC, and OCS. OSI and FMSAC are concerned with analysis and production of the expected data, and they should make explicit plans to handle it. OCS is likely to have major quantitative demands made by these systems, and it may also have severe qualitative demands. The latter demands are presumed to be in scientific computing resources.

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4. Paragraph 29 predicts a slowdown in the growth rate for ADP facilities. Events in the past and current trends in the computer business lay this prediction open to question. Paragraph 30 says that the demand, at least for automating files, "is clearly on the upswing." It is fair to say that the demand for ADP services in general is on the upswing. OCS should take care to recognize the demand and to evaluate the cost of providing services over the planning period.

5. The R&D Section, paragraph 31, is not particularly helpful. The program will probably have to depend more than ever on inputs from potential users and forecasts of need by technical project officers.

6. We will send a forecast of technical innovations to be expected over the last third of this century to all Offices. Although some are pretty "far out," we can expect others to come true sooner than expected. We should try to forecast the potential intelligence use of these innovations and feed requirements and/or suggestions to the R&D people.

7. The paper clearly states that it is not possible, now or in the near future, to get all the resources we want or need. There just is not enough money to go around. In this climate, alternatives become increasingly important, both within and between projects.

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Att: Planning Assumptions Draft

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